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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR, DEFENSE INTELLIGENCE AGENCY


Subj: Key Intelligence Questions for FY 1975

Encl: (1) Recommended additions to the FY-75 KIQ's

1. I have personally reviewed the Key Intelligence Questions for FY-75 and find them thought provoking and broad enough to cover the general intelligence issues facing the Navy today. However, there are issues of vital interest to the Navy that impact heavily on national level decision makers, such as Congress, in the approval or denial of weapons systems development and procurement based on threat assessments.

2. Realizing the importance and priority of the Key Intelligence Questions as the new driving force behind intelligence collection, analysis and production, I have forwarded the draft questions to the key Navy officers, soliciting their comments and recommendations. Due to the limited time available for comment and the geographical location of many of these key officers, most responses have not been received as of this writing. I do, however, intend to forward all solicited comments that arrive directly to the National Intelligence Officers concerned for their consideration.

3. I hope this partial response will be of value in formulating the final KIQs for FY-75.


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Recommended Additions to the KIQs for FY 1975

1. Soviet Political Dynamics-

-Expand question #5 to include an estimate of Soviet policies and activities with respect to natural resources considered "crucial" to the United States during wartime.

-Expand question #3 to include the Soviet intentions in Africa and Latin America even though direct collection, analysis and production of those countries is considered a lower priority item. Hopefully analysis in this area will alert us to such events as the Cuban missile crisis.

would be too specific re - coal resources

No

2. Soviet Long Range and Naval Aviation-

-Question #12 should be expanded to include any advancements in the propulsion system of the Backfire aircraft since range and performance are so highly dependent on the efficiency of the propulsion system.

Subsumed under role

3. Soviet Naval Systems-

-Considering the Soviet ever expanding role in the projection of Soviet international political influence through the use of seapower presence, what role will the Kuril carrier force play in this projection.

-Question #16 should be expanded to include the characteristics of the guidance systems and any attempt by the Soviets to modify these systems for strategic purposes.

-Question #18 should be expanded to include an analysis of how this system interfaces with the total Soviet Ocean surveillance system and what is its current and projected capability.

-What impact will the introduction of SS-N-13s as a replacement for the SS-N-6s or combination mix in the Yankee class submarine have on SALT.

Departmental - too specific

included

subsumed

could be subsumed

Departmental

4. Chinese Military Capability-

-Question #34 should be expanded to include an analysis of

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platform, the present status and projections for
a PRC nuclear submarine propulsion system and the
command and control capabilities of the PRC to
control such a naval force.

*pretty much
subsumed*

5. The Middle East and South Asia-

-What effect will opening the Suez Canal have on Soviet
presence in the Indian Ocean and the Persian Gulf?

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